GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF CHAMBAL CANAL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has prepared and submitted a project report to Union Government for repairing and renovation of Chambal canal;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the action taken by the Government so far in this regard;

(c) whether the said proposal has also been considered in the meeting of core group;

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the core group; and

(e) the time by which the said project is likely to be cleared by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes Sir, the Government of Rajasthan had submitted proposals for correction of system deficiencies of 36 distribution systems of Chambal Project.

(b)& (c) The total estimated cost and culturable command area covered by these systems were Rs. 56.16 crore and 1.42 lakh hectare respectively. The proposals were considered by the Core group of Ministry of Water Resources for approval of CAD proposals, in its 13th meeting held on 23rd August, 2006.

(d)& (e) The State Government officials were advised by the Core Group to give priority to those distributaries where Command Area Development (CAD) works have already been completed. The Core Group also felt that in the absence of rehabilitation of the main and branch canals, correction of deficiencies in the distributaries only may not serve useful purpose and therefore the distributaries on the head of which full supply discharge is assured should only be taken up for correction. It further observed that only those minors/distributaries shall be considered where WUAs have been formed under the Participation of Farmers in the Management of Irrigation Systems Act 2002 of Rajasthan and not under cooperative societies act. The State Government was also advised to give assurance that the systems shall be handed over to the WUAs elected under the above mentioned Act. The State Government was advised to send a list of proposals on those distributaries which fulfill the above conditions.

The clearance of the project will depend upon the promptness with which the State Government replies to the observations of the Central Appraising Agencies.